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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

IPF:(1987-91) $57 512 000

(URT/90/017) - Smallholder-Oriented Irrigated Rice Production (Phase III)

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	6 November 1991
Expected duration:	30 months
Proposed executing agency:	FAO
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$1 154 100 Source of funds: IPF

Project background

Rice is the favourite staple food in Zanzibar. The demand for rice in recent years has increased and outstripped local production, and as a result most riced consumed on the Island is imported. It is the Government's policy to be substantially self-sufficient in rice production by the year 2000. As the predominant rainfed rice production system cannot meet the demand, raising two crops in a year under irrigation has been examined. The last two phases of the project, have proved to have achieved the objectives of increased rice production and strengthened institutional building. However, there is still a need for improvement in the operation and maintenance schemes through great involvement of farmers to ensure the sustainability of investments in the long-run.

For the farmers to take full responsibility, greater extension inputs and more effective context is required. The present phase of the project thus intends to complete the development of smallholder irrigated rice production so that the systems so far developed are operated and maintained by the farmers themselves.

Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) complete the physical improvements of existing irrigation schemes to increase the net area under irrigation from 235 to 306 hectares; (b) develop and strengthen irrigation division to provide appropriate technology packages as well as crop and irrigation management training at all levels; and (c) assess the technical, social, economic and financial viability of the various approaches to irrigation development utilizing information already generated by the project in the earlier phases.

[1] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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Project activities will include the provision of on-the-job training, in-service and/or formal training to local staff and farmers in all aspects of irrigated agricultural development.

Inputs

UNDP will provide one irrigation engineer in a water management (24 man-months); one junior expert workshop manager (18 man months); one UNV-workshop manager (12 man months); a consultant/agricultural economist (three man-months); a consultant rice agronomist/varietal improvement specialist (three man months); a national project director (30 man months); a national sociologist (15 man months); a national agronomist (18 man months); a national agricultural economist (30 man months); administrative support (i.e. secretary, admin./accountant, driver) (60 man months); five fellowships in project related fields (4-10 man months); three study tours for 20 staff members to other irrigation schemes within the country and neighbouring countries, and in-service training equipment including one precasting machine, two tipping trailers, two small concrete mixers, one Hilux double-cabin, 15 motoractors, 30 bicycles, two power tillers, 10 manual transplanters, 20 cone weeders, two dehumidifiers, two air conditioners, and operation and maintenance equipments, and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	660 400
Training	210 500
Equipment	191 200
Miscellaneous	92 000
Total	1 154 100

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